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1. Soviet military strategy calls for a world war that will be waged mainly on the Asian continent and will appear to be defensive. The USSR either has made a definite agreement with the Chinese Communists or plans to control China through a chief of staff in the Peiping headquarters.\*
2. Soviet plans in China include the following points:
  - a. Land reform as a powerful factor in preventing Chinese farmers from being susceptible to U.S. influence. After land reform has been completed, the present governments of cities, hsien, towns, and villages will be replaced by military control areas, and nerve centers and all command headquarters will be moved to village areas.
  - b. Expansion of communication networks to facilitate troop movements. After the completion of land reform, the transportation system will be developed under military control.
  - c. The secret construction of approximately 170 bases for Soviet use in the third world war. These will include military and naval bases, airfields, fuel supply depots, weather stations, and radar networks. The Soviet over-all schedule calls for the completion of these bases before the seizure of Hong Kong and Macao and before military action against Taiwan.
  - d. The supplying of the USSR with Chinese troops and strategic bases. MAO Tse-tung will work toward communizing Southeast Asia and at the same time will build up a huge army which will support the USSR in the event of a world war. Most of the service troops are to come from conscription, which will begin when land reform has been completed and the administrative areas established. It is anticipated that conscription will supply 60,000,000 men.\*\*

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\*   Comment. This presumably means a Soviet chief of staff.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. This estimate of potential Communist service forces, in the usual sense of the term, is much greater than any previously seen by this office. It is unrealistic unless the term service forces is loosely used to include noncombatants in arms production and allied industry.

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